

extent the applicability of Copyright Act to the works of Rabindranath Tagore for another twenty years; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The question of extending the term of copyright under the Copyright Act, 1957 is under the consideration of Government.

#### **Aids Control and Prevention**

\*176. SHRI V. SREENIVASAN PRASAD:

SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently formulated any scheme for AIDS control and its prevention;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation and USAID also propose to extend financial assistance for AIDS control in India; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In September, 1991 the Government of India prepared a comprehensive project proposal for prevention and Control of AIDS in India. The proposal is under consideration of the World Bank. The outlay of the project is estimated to be Rs. 217.5 crores for the following component:

1. building surveillance and clinical management capacity;
2. promoting public awareness and community education;
3. improving blood safety and promoting rational use of blood;
4. improving facilities for diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; and
5. strengthening programme management capacity.

It is expected that the World Bank assistance will be sanctioned in the first quarter of 1992.

(c) and (d). World Health Organisation will be providing technical support and a financial assistance of US \$ 3.5 million for foreign studies, innovative programmes and training. The USAID has also informally indicated willingness to support the programme for AIDS prevention and control.

#### **Nomination in Educational Institutions**

\*177. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government nominate students in certain educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have issued any uniform guidelines to the State in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;